



#12
3/31/02
C.S.
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 09095.0009
Application No.: 09/888,840

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

MAR 24 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2000

In re Application of:)
Gary T. WANG et al.) Group Art Unit: 7074
Application No.: 09/888,840) Examiner: K. Habte
Filed: June 25, 2001)
For: ARYL PHENYLHETEROCYCLYL)
SULFIDE DERIVATIVES AND)
THEIR USE AS CELL ADHESION)
INHIBITING ANTI-)
INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNE-)
SUPPRESSIVE AGENTS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following response. The period for filing this Response has been extended by the concurrently filed Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time to March 13, 2003.

In this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I Claims 1-14 (in part) and 16-27 (in part), drawn to compounds, compositions, and method of use, where R¹ or R³ is pyrimidinyl, classified in class 544, subclass various;

Group II Claims 1-14 (in part) and 16-27 (in part), drawn to compounds, compositions, and method of use, where R¹ or R³ is pyridinyl, classified in class 546, subclass various;

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com